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SUBJECT:GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR US AMBASSADOR: FINLAND

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1. REFS A AND B GIVE DETAILS WHICH HAVE GOVERNED PREPARATION HERE OF DRAFT STATEMENTS OF GOALS AND TASKS FOR EACH AMBASSADOR. DRAFT TEXT FOLLOWS BELOW FOR YOUR COMMENT. PLEASE RESPOND ASAP, BUT NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 6 IN ANY EVENT.

2. BEGIN TEXT: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR US AMBASSADOR - FINLAND.

I. PROMOTE OBJECTIVE FINNISH NEUTRALITY AS THE BEST SAFEGUARD OF FINNISH INDEPENDENCE

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-- SEEK OCCASIONS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, TO REAFFIRM US RECOGNITION OF FINNISH NEUTRALITY.

-- DEEPEN BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON MAJOR WORLD ISSUES, TO SEEK ACTIVE FINNISH SUPPORT FOR US POLICIES, PARTICULARLY ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND DISARMAMENT.

II. ENCOURAGE CONTINUED FINNISH COMMITMENT TO WESTERN  
POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS

-- IDENTIFY AND CULTIVATE LEADERS MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED  
PRESIDENT KEKKONEN.

-- INCREASE EMBASSY ACTIVITY AMONG POLITICALLY-ORIENTED  
YOUTH GROUPS.

-- ENCOURAGE EXPANDED EXCHANGES BETWEEN FINNISH AND  
AMERICAN TRADE UNION LEADERS.

-- PROMOTE THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF EXCHANGE POSSIBLE, GIVEN  
FINLAND'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIETS, BETWEEN FINNISH  
AND AMERICAN MILITARY.

III. ENCOURAGE CONTINUED FINNISH COMMITMENT TO WESTERN  
ECONOMIC INSTITUTIONS

-- SEEK FULLER COOPERATION ON NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE.

-- EXPRESS LOW KEY CONCERN OVER TRADE RELATIONS WITH THE  
EAST WHICH VIOLATE GATT OBLIGATIONS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT  
THE SPECIAL GEOPOLITICAL IMPERATIVES AT PLAY.

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-- SUPPORT FAIR TREATMENT OF FINNISH ICEBREAKERS IN THE  
EVENT OF US PROCUREMENT, SO THAT US DECISIONS ARE MADE AND  
PERCEIVED TO BE MADE ON THE BASIS OF SUITABILITY FOR  
INTENDED MISSION, PRICE AND QUALITY.

-- FOLLOW DEVELOPMENT OF FENNO/SOVIET TRADE, WITH SPECIAL  
ATTENTION TO ANY INDICATIONS THAT INCREASED VOLUME IS  
BEING TURNED TO POLITICAL LEVERAGE.

IV. PROMOTE A RELATIVELY HIGH US PROFILE IN FINLAND,  
AND OBJECTIVITY IN THE FINNISH MEDIA

-- PROGRAM EMBASSY OFFICIALS FOR REGULAR TRAVEL THROUGHOUT  
FINLAND TO MEET WITH LOCAL LEADERS AND MEDIA.

-- IDENTIFY AND CULTIVATE YOUNGER FINNS WHO PROMISE LATER  
TO CONTROL THE LEVERS OF FINNISH DECISION-MAKING, THROUGH  
AN ACTIVE, WELL-TARGETTED YOUTH PROGRAM.

-- EXPAND CONTACT WITH MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AND WITH  
SCHOOLS JOURNALISM TO FOSTER TEACHING OF WESTERN JOURNA-  
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